

Worst City in the Northeast for Environmental Stress:

- Zero population growth ranked Newark the worst of 24 northeastern cities surveyed for children's environmental stress. Air quality, water resources and toxic releases were among the factors considered.
- 8 million pounds of pollution were "legally" emitted in Newark according to the EPA.
- The Hazardous Material Team of the Newark Fire Department made 518 calls in 1992 dealing with potentially hazardous catastrophes.

Asthma:

- Essex County has the highest at-risk population for pediatric asthma due to air pollution according to the American Lung Association. Most of those children live in Newark.

Car Traffic Polluting Our Air:

- Each day Newark's population doubles with thousands of cars crowding our highways and city streets. Routes 280, 78, 1-9, 21 and the N.J. Turnpike all move traffic onto our streets. The lack of mass transit aggravates this problem.

Lack of Open Space:

- People in Newark suffer from a lack of recreation areas, park space and green areas. There are 54 city operated parks and squares in Newark for a total of 39 acres. That means that there are only 6 square feet of open space, per person, maintained by the City of Newark.

Lead:

- Newark Water Department has a lead level 60% higher than acceptable by EPA standards, according to a May, 1993 EPA report.

Airplane Noise Bombards Our Ears:

- Much of Newark's population is under the flight path of Newark Airport.

N. J.'s Largest Garbage Incinerator:

- The Essex County incinerator was fined \$462,000 for polluting our air with mercury, nitrous oxides and sulfur dioxide during its first year of operation.
- 30% of the garbage going to the incinerator is imported from Bergen County.
- One-quarter of the garbage burned becomes ash that is landfill in the poor, primarily Afro-American community of Charles City, Virginia.

Ten Toxic Wastes Sites in Newark Await Cleanup:

- From Littleton Avenue to Frelinghuysen Avenue to Verona Avenue the City has been dumped on. The Passaic River and Newark Bay have been contaminated with dioxins. Newark Department of Recreation facilities: Ironbound Stadium closed because of pollution and construction of an Olympic size indoor swimming pool stopped because of pollution for six years!

Victories!

- In 1992-93, proposals for a tire incinerator, medical waste facility, and a sludge incinerator were rejected because of community opposition. Past proposals for two hazardous waste incinerators were also defeated.
- Cleanups of hazardous waste sites were accomplished through community pressure.
- The ICATW is working with the city to plan a waterfront walkway and park along the Passaic River.

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We are called and empowered to be God's co-creators... We are the sign of hope in this City.